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Savannah River Remediation Starts \$200 Million in Liquid Waste Work Under the Recovery Act at the Savannah River Site

Aiken, SC (Sept. 25) – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced the start of \$200 million in projects to accelerate Liquid Waste remediation work at the Savannah River Site (SRS) by replacing aging and unreliable infrastructure while preparing for future waste processing under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The Recovery act funding will be used in the Liquid Waste contract, managed by Savannah River Remediation. The funding will be used to:

- Accelerate piping needs for the future start-up of the Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF);
- Expand the capacity for salt waste feed; and
- Install infrastructure for salt waste disposition.
- Install infrastructure for high level waste disposition at the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF).
- Increase the DWPF facility throughput.

Both SWPF and DWPF are key liquid waste disposition facilities at SRS. SWPF is under construction and will prepare the salt waste in the tanks at SRS for disposition. DWPF is the plant that is turning the highly radioactive liquid waste isotopes into glass form. It has been operating since 1996.

The liquid waste projects are part of the original \$1.6 billion DOE awarded to SRS for Recovery Act work. That original funding is being used at SRS to accelerate decommissioning of nuclear facilities and clean up of contaminated areas throughout the Site.

Additional information on the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management and the Savannah River Site can be found at <http://www.em.doe.gov> and <http://www.srs.gov>. For more information about the SRS Recovery Act Project, please visit www.srs.gov/recovery.

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